Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: As the Vaidyans referred to are not connected with the Ayurveda Department they are not bound to furnish any statistics and hence it was not possible to give the figure.

Maximum yield of an acre of paddy land.

91. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy that an acre of land in Travancore was made to yield by the best methods of cultivation known to the Department of Agriculture; and

(*b*) what the expenses of such cultivation come to per acre?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) 1000 lbs.

(*b*) The expenses of this particular cultivation exclusive of land tax came to about Rs. 36 per acre.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know the value of the gross yield from an acre of land?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It will depend upon the prevailing price of paddy.

Vernacular Middle School for South Ariad.

92. ***Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total strength of the South Ariad V. P. School in Ambalapuzha taluk, with the number of pupils in each of the four classes.

(*b*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the place requesting to raise the school to a V. M. School;

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the orders passed thereon?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon:

(*a*) 399 ... Class IV .... 79; Class III ... 78; Class II ... 123; Class I 119

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Award of grant to Balavaidyasala in Neeleeswaram.

93. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial, dated 23-8-1113, from the inhabitants of Manjapra, Manickamangalam and Kotakulangara pakuthies in Kunnatnad taluk for sanctioning a grant for a Balavaidyasala in Neeleeswaram *kara* in Manickamangalam pakuthi in Kunnatnad taluk;

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(*b*) if so, when the same was received ; and

(*c*) what action was taken on the memorial ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In April 1938.

(*c*) The matter is under enquiry by the Honorary Director of Ayurveda.

Yield of paddy lands in Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur taluks.

94. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of paddy yielded by an acre of the best quality of paddy land of (1) single crop (2) double crop and (3) *punja* varieties in (i) the Kunnatdad (ii) Muvattupuzha and (iii) Parur taluks ; and

(*b*) the quantity of paddy that an acre of such paddy land can be made to yield by the best methods of cultivation known to the Department of Agriculture in the three taluks mentioned above ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) The approximate average yield of paddy in lbs. per acre of the best quality of paddy lands in the taluks is as follows :

	Kunnatnad.		Muvattu-puzha.		Parur.	
Single crop lands ...	1500	1800	1800	2000	1300	1500
Double crop land (for one crop) ...	1200	1400	1500	1700	1200	1400
Punja land ...	1000	1200	1200	1400	1000	1200

(*b*) By adopting scientific and improved methods of cultivation recommended by the Department of Agriculture such lands could be made to yield about 20 to 25 per cent. more.

Purchase of crude oil for State Transport.

95. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the price per ton of crude oil that they are purchasing for running the State Transport buses ;

(*b*) the company or companies from whom they make the purchase ;

(*c*) whether the price per ton of crude oil purchased by the Transport Department is higher or lower than the price at which such oil company or companies are selling to outsiders ;

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